**READING:**  Deuteronomy 5: 1-21; 2 Timothy 2

**SINGING:** 132:1,2,4 - 428:1,7 - 127:1,2,3,4 - 247:1,2 – 239

 **THE SURE FOUNDATION OF GOD’S CHURCH**

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Text: 2 Timothy 2: 19

*Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this*

*seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His. And, Let every one*

*that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.*

**Introduction**

* Whosoever has learned to know himself by the discovering

light of the Holy Spirit, must he not often confess that he

has seen wrong, thought wrong and judged wrong?

* These epistles have been preserved by the Lord for the

future ages.

**The powerful “nevertheless” of faith**

* “Nevertheless” and the complaints of hopelessness are

changed in a shout of triumph in the midst of the strife

and oppression.

* Jonah, as well as the Apostle Paul, had a sure foundation

upon which he built.

**The basis upon which this “nevertheless” rest:**

***“the foundation of God standeth sure”.***

* The foolish builder built upon the sand and when the

waves and storms beat against his house, we see it fall.

* In union with God the Son and God the Holy Spirit,

the specification was made by God the Father, the cost

calculated and the plan established.

* He wrote these names in the book of life and these alone

must be made ready in time as living stones to be joined

to that spiritual building.

* Do you ask, where is the cement wherewith those stones

must be firmly linked together?

* Thus we see that the foundation of God standeth

immovably sure in the eternal counsel decree upon the

eternal God of the Covenant.

**The seal engraven upon that “foundation”**

* Thus the faithful Covenant God has sealed and marked

the foundation with such words which express the

characteristics of all whose names are written in the book

of life.

* This knowledge of God about the elect sinner goes over

all what he is, has, knows, desires and can do, and under

the operation of the Holy Spirit is made subservient.

* Those who nameth the name of Christ thus, have come

upon the market of free grace in order to buy without

money and without price.

**Application**

* Others are afraid of this doctrine that it could do harm

under the preaching and could be the cause that fewer

people would be converted.

* Then you shall acknowledge before God and His holy

angels that you are lost forever, not because you were

not elected, but because you would not have the Lord

Jesus Christ as King over you.

* Therefore do not lose courage but prayerfully continue

with the Lord Jesus as the woman in Scripture.

She did say she was a dog…….

* Salvation cannot escape you.

You are as firm as the mountains of God.

* Then you shall see your King in His beauty as you have

learned to know Him here by faith!